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SUBJECT: STRAUSS/WARREN MEETING

1. THE STRAUSS PARTY MET WITH AMBASSADORS WARREN AND GREY AND THEIR ASSOCIATES BRIEFLY DURING HIS VISIT TO GENEVA. THE TONE WAS FRIENDLY, REFLECTING THE CANADIAN FEELING THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S TRIP HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL AND A GENUINE APPRECIATION OF U.S. EFFORTS TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF CANADA'S SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN THE MTN.
2. WARREN REITERATED THAT CANADA WAS PLANNING TO COME FORWARD WITH AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL

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TARIFFS IN LINE WITH THE WORKING HYPOTHESIS. HE SAID THEY WERE RACING TO COMPLETE THE DETAILS IN ORDER TO TURN IN WITHIN A FEW DAYS A DETAILED LINE-BY-LINE DOCUMENT.

3. CANADA IS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE QUALITY OF THE U.S. OFFER AND WITH ITS SPECIAL EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE TARIFFS UNDER 5 PERCENT AND TO DEAL WITH THEIR SPECIAL

INTERESTS IN THE SECTORS OF NON-FERROUS METALS AND FOREST PRODUCTS. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. HAD CERTAINLY DONE ITS BEST TO HELP CANADA BECOME A FULL FORMULA COUNTRY WITH A FAIR RESPONSE IN AREAS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO CANADA PROBABLY MORE EFFECTIVELY BALANCED ON THIS GENERAL BASIS THAN WITH SEPARATE SECTORAL NEGOTIATIONS.

4. STRAUSS OUTLINED THE U.S. TIMETABLE AIMS FOR THE NEXT ROUND, EMPHASIZING THAT HE HOPED TO REACH POLITICAL AGREEMENT IN GENEVA BY MID-SUMMER. THE CANADIANS INDICATED THEY WOULD CERTAINLY COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY AND TRY TO BE SUPPORTIVE TO MAKE PROGRESS AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. DURING A LUNCHEON DISCUSSION LATER, WARREN EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM ON THE TIMETABLE TO MCDONALD, REITERATING THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE NEGOTIATION AND ITS WIDE SCOPE. HE SUGGESTED THAT CANADA WAS SHORTHANDED AT THE TOP LEVEL TO DEAL WITH SUCH A COMPLEX NEGOTIATION SO QUICKLY AND INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE LUCKY IF WE COULD FINISH UP BY YEAR-END.

6. THE MEETING WITH WARREN WAS ESPECIALLY ARRANGED SINCE GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG HAD NOT INVITED THEM, AT THE EC'S INSISTENCE, TO A PRIVATE TRIPARTITE MEETING WITH HIM BEFORE THE FULL INFORMAL PLENARY SESSION. STRAUSS INDICATED THAT THE U.S. HAD CERTAINLY FAVORED CANADA BEING INCLUDED AND REGRETTED THE EC'S POSITION BUT REASSURED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WARREN THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH THEM ON A CONTINUING BASIS AS THE TOKYO ROUND NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS.

7. CABLE DRAFTED AFTER DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR STRAUSS. MCDONALD

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